



Derby/Oaks Update

Sunday, April 29, 2018

HOFBURG WORKS FOR DERBY 144 AT CHURCHILL DOWNS WHILE SOLOMINI, INSTILLED REGARD PREP AT SANTA ANITA; BLAMED INJURED, OUT OF OAKS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Sunday, April 29, 2018) – Juddmonte Farms' Hofburg tuned up for Kentucky Derby 144 by working a half-mile in company in :48.20 at Churchill Downs on a cool Sunday morning.

With exercise rider Penny Gardiner up for trainer Bill Mott, Hofburg produced fractions of :13.20, :24.60, :36.20, :48.20 and out five furlongs in 1:01.20 and three-quarters in 1:14.80 in the work over a fast track.

Meanwhile, at Santa Anita, Zayat Stables, Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith's Solomini worked six furlongs in 1:14.60.

Solomini will be part of a three-horse Derby-Oaks contingent for trainer Bob Baffert that also will include Justify and Rayya that is scheduled to arrive in Louisville early Monday afternoon. Others on the flight will be Bolt d'Oro and Midnight Bisou.

Another Derby contender at Santa Anita, OXO Equine's Instilled Regard worked five furlongs in 1:00.80 for trainer Jerry Hollendorfer a day before shipping to Louisville.

Also scheduled to arrive late Monday afternoon is Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (GI) and UAE Derby (GII) winner Mendelssohn.

In Kentucky Oaks news, Cleber Massey's Blamed has been withdrawn from Oaks consideration because of injury. This opens the door for Exuberance to move into the Oaks field of 14. Also, the connections of Red Ruby removed her from Oaks consideration with Heavenhasmynikki rising to No. 15 on the Oaks leaderboard and first on the bubble for the field.

AUDIBLE/MAGNUM MOON/NOBLE INDY/VINO ROSSO – It was walking morning at the Todd Pletcher barn, two days after the stable's four Kentucky Derby-bound colts had gone through their final workouts prior to the 144th edition of the world's most famous race.

Audible, Magnum Moon, Noble Indy and Vino Rosso had all come back Saturday after their Friday drills to either gallop or jog one time around the big Churchill Downs oval, thus earning the right to "take a day off" Sunday with their low-key ambles around the shedrow at Barn 40.

Trainer Pletcher got his version of a "day off," too, which in his case meant an early flight to New York to check on stable business there, then a later flight back to Louisville in the evening.

His long-time and most-able right hand, Ginny DePasquale, ran the relatively quiet show Sunday and reported that all was good with the four stakes winners.

Audible is owned by China Horse Club International, Head of Plains Partners, Starlight Racing and WinStar Farm. Magnum Moon races for Lawana and Robert Low. Noble Indy goes postward for the pairing of WinStar Farm and Repole Stable, while Vino Rosso is in the hands of Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable.

BLENDED CITIZEN – Greg Hall and SAYJAY Racing's Blended Citizen walked the shedrow at Keeneland Sunday morning a day after working a mile in 1:41.60 for two-time Kentucky Derby-winning trainer Doug O'Neill.

Sitting at No. 21 on the Kentucky Derby leaderboard, Blended Citizen would need one defection from the horses under consideration for the race to make the 20-horse field when entries are taken Tuesday.

O'Neill assistant Jack Sisterson said Blended Citizen likely would van to Churchill Downs after training hours Monday.

BOLT d'ORO – Assistant trainer Shelbe Ruis, who handles the horses when her father, Mick, is away, was doing just that Sunday at Santa Anita Park in sunny California.

Mick, both the owner and trainer of the Kentucky Derby contender Bolt d'Oro, had overseen his horse's four-furlong drill Saturday morning at the Los Angeles-area track, then climbed aboard a plane later that day headed to Kentucky.

Shelbe reported that the husky son of the top stallion Medaglia d'Oro came out of his final serious Derby exercise just fine and had only walked at the barn that morning. The horse is scheduled to join with several other California runners in boarding a plane early Monday morning en route to Louisville International Airport.

Owner/trainer Ruis was in the Lexington area Sunday inspecting his newly purchased Chestnut Farm. He'll drive over to Louisville Monday in time to greet his \$630,000 yearling purchase upon arrival at Churchill Downs.

BRAVAZO – Calumet Farm's Bravazo, looking to provide Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas with a fifth victory in the "Run for the Roses" stayed in the barn Sunday morning and just walked the shedrow, one day after completing his final major work. The Risen Star (GII) winner had worked five furlongs in 1:01.40.

"He's doing really good," Lukas said. "He was really sharp when we took him out to graze yesterday afternoon. I'm happy with him."

Bravazo will return to the track to gallop Monday and also will school in the paddock, according to his trainer. Luis Contreras has the Derby mount.

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COMBATANT/DREAM BABY DREAM – One day before his final major piece of work before the Kentucky Derby, **Winchell Thoroughbreds** and **Willis Horton's** Combatant galloped 1 ½ miles with regular exercise rider **Angel Garcia** during the 7:30 a.m. window allotted for Oaks and Derby horses.

Ricardo Santana Jr., who has ridden Combatant in his past six starts, has the mount in the Derby.

Joining Combatant on the track was stablemate **Dream Baby Dream Racing Stable's Dream Baby Dream**, who needs two defections to make the 20-horse Derby field. He also galloped 1 ½ miles.

ENTICED – **Godolphin Racing's Enticed** galloped Sunday morning at Palm Meadows Training Center and scheduled to ship to Churchill Downs at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon with a Monday arrival.

Trainer **Kiaran McLaughlin** is scheduled to arrive in Louisville Monday night. **Junior Alvarado** has the Derby mount.

FIRENZE FIRE – **Mr. Amore Stable's Firenze Fire** walked the shedrow at trainer **Jason Servis'** barn at Belmont Park a day after working a half-mile in :51.02 over the Belmont training track.

Firenze Fire, who will be ridden in the Derby by **Paco Lopez**, is scheduled to leave for Kentucky by van around noon today.

FLAMEAWAY – **John Oxley's Flameaway** walked the shedrow of trainer **Mark Casse** Sunday morning after working four furlongs in 47.80 Saturday.

One commonality shared by Casse's Derby horse and his Kentucky Oaks contender **Wonder Gadot** is that they were both bred in Ontario.

"I look at pretty well every Ontario-bred there is (at sales)," Casse said. "I've had tremendous success with Canadian-breds. The truth is, both those horses, though they are Canadian breds, they have tremendous pedigrees. I know there are consignors and pinhookers out there that actually probably target me because they know that I am going to come and look at them. I've had such great success with them, if I see a good one, I try to buy them. And both of those horses fell in that category."

FREE DROP BILLY/PROMISES FULFILLED – It was a usual walk day at trainer **Dale Romans' Barn 4** Sunday at Churchill Downs for his Derby contenders **Free Drop Billy** and **Promises Fulfilled** following their Saturday breezes.

Blue Grass third Free Drop Billy worked a half-mile in :49.40 while stablemate Promises Fulfilled breezed five furlongs in 1:00.40.

Both colts are expected to train Monday morning at 7:30.

GOOD MAGIC – The day after posting a five-furlong work, last year's Eclipse Award-winning Champion 2-Year-Old Male, owned by **e Five Racing Thoroughbreds & Stonestreet Stables LLC**, walked the shedrow at Barn 42.

"Generally when my horses breeze the next day they all walk the shedrow," trainer **Chad Brown** said. "We give them an easy day, examine them – the horse examined perfect this morning, he's happy, his appetite is good, and all systems go."

"Tomorrow he'll probably just jog once around the track to loosen him up and then we'll ease him back into galloping after that. We'll do a little gate-schooling this week, a little paddock-schooling, and just try to bring him into the race happy and healthy."

HOFBURG – **Juddmonte Farms Inc.'s** homebred Florida Derby (GI) runner-up Hofburg was the lone Derby worker at Churchill Downs this morning, breezing a half-mile in :48.40 under exercise rider **Penny Gardiner**. Breaking off behind workmate **Villamay**, a Juddmonte 3-year-old filly who won her debut last month, Hofburg went through splits of :13.20, :24.60 and :36.20, according to Churchill Downs clockers, with gallop-out times of 1:01.20 for five-eighths and 1:14.80 for six furlongs.

Hall of Fame trainer **Bill Mott** watched the work from horseback near the eighth pole and made use of the "Big Board" video screen to follow the early stages and the gallop out.

"He looked like he went off well and he joined his company a little bit early – the company was maybe going a little slow the first eighth of a mile – but he looked smooth as silk coming by me. Approaching the wire he looked really good, switched leads, went into the turn and galloped out well around the turn."

Hofburg galloped out nearly the length of the backstretch.

"He has a lot of energy," Mott said. "That's not something we made him do, we just let him do it. We wanted him to work out pretty good around the turn and keep going and just have a steady gallop-out, which is what he did and he does that as well as anything."

"It was a nice, useful work, the kind of work that you like to see right on top of a race. He looked, visually, as good as you could look. The main thing is that they're doing it easily, well within themselves, and he wasn't being pushed to do it, he was just doing it on his own."

Gardiner, the former jockey turned exercise rider, was equally as pleased with the move.

"I was really happy with him," she said. "He just did everything right. He's handling all of the people around and he handles the track and does exactly what we want him to do."

"Everything was on his own. All I had to do was steer. You just get into a rhythm and a pace and you want everything to be smooth, a nice progression. He's so willing and does just what you want."

Gardiner also galloped Hofburg coming into the Florida Derby and was asked if she could feel a difference between then and now.

"He's definitely moved forward," she said. "It feels like he's maturing and more focused. He knows what's going on now."

INSTILLED REGARD – The \$1,050,000 yearling purchase **Instilled Regard** – pointing for Saturday's Kentucky Derby – turned in his final pre-race work Sunday morning at Santa Anita in 1:00.80 for five furlongs and it must have been a very good drill. It actually caused his trainer, **Jerry Hollendorfer** – normally the most no-nonsense of men – to feel so good he cracked a joke.

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Shortly after the move, Hall of Famer Hollendorfer was asked about it via phone. It had been accomplished with Derby rider **Drayden Van Dyke** in the irons and a workmate up ahead.

"It was a very good move for my horse," he said. "Very good. Drayden was up and he's worked him before for me and we gave him a target to run at. He ran him down and looked good doing it."

Who, Hollendorfer was asked, was the target?

"Oh, it really doesn't matter," he initially offered. "Just another horse."

But then the veteran conditioner changed gears.

"Oh, wait, I forgot," he offered. "It was **Justify**. Yeah, he ran down Justify and went right by him."

Then there was a chuckle.

Justify, of course, is the undefeated colt who is the likely favorite for Derby 144. In his most recent start, he captured the Santa Anita Derby leaving six horses in his wake, including Instilled Regard nearly 11 lengths back.

Hollendorfer switched back to serious mode to note that his charge, owned by **OXO Equine**, would board a plane with several other California horses early Monday morning headed to Louisville. He said further that he'd follow in trace on Wednesday.

Instilled Regard will take up residence in Barn 41.

JUSTIFY/SOLOMINI – Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) runner-up **Solomini** – owned by **Zayat Stables LLC, Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor & Derrick Smith** – worked six furlongs from the five-eighths marker in 1:14.60 at Santa Anita Park with **Martin Garcia** aboard for four-time Derby-winning trainer Bob Baffert. The move came in company, with Solomini maintaining an advantage on the inside of his workmate Once On Whiskey through the stretch and into the Clubhouse turn. Santa Anita clockers recorded gallop-out times of 1:28.20 for seven-eighths and one mile in 1:42.80.

"He worked really well," Zayat Stables racing manager **Justin Zayat** said afterwards. "Bob told me he was happy with him and Martin really liked the work, which is always a good sign. The plan was to not do anything too stressful with him. Bob was just letting him stretch his legs a little bit."

Zayat has described Solomini as a "quirky" horse that does not always like to switch leads and can hang on his wrong lead.

"He changed leads at the right time this week, so that was good," he said.

The vast majority of Solomini's works this year have come in company, though Baffert likes to change up the scenarios so the Curlin colt continues to absorb new lessons.

"Bob is a master at work," Zayat said. "He'll work him inside, outside, with older horses, just to show him something different. He's got all the bases covered."

While Solomini hasn't notched an official win since his debut in September, there are logical reasons for horseplayers to not discount him, especially for those that are swayed by company lines.

"We're coming to the Derby with a horse that always runs a good race and he's done it against all of the top 3-year-olds –

Bolt d'Oro, Good Magic, McKinzie, Magnum Moon," said Zayat. "He's a competitive fighter."

Flavien Prat, leading the standings at Santa Anita's current Spring Meet, has ridden Solomini in all six of his starts and retains the Derby mount.

Meanwhile, Baffert's main Derby threat **Justify**, the undefeated Santa Anita Derby winner owned by **China Horse Club International Ltd., Head of Plains Partners, Starlight Racing & WinStar Farm LLC**, had an easy jog on his first day back to the track since breezing Friday.

"He looks great," Baffert said Saturday, reflecting on the previous morning's work. "He did it the right way so we're happy and now we just have another week of waiting and keeping him happy, keeping him at that level."

The Baffert contingent for major Derby weekend stakes, also including Kentucky Oaks contender Rayya is scheduled to arrive Monday.

LONE SAILOR – **G M B Racing's Lone Sailor** jogged one mile early Sunday morning with exercise rider **Maurice Sanchez** aboard for trainer **Tom Amoss**.

James Graham has the call on Lone Sailor in the Derby.

"It's fantastic being in this spot," Graham said. "You just have to hope you get a clean enough trip. On big days like this you have to carry the same attitude and not get ahead of yourself."

Lone Sailor was the runner-up in the March 24 Louisiana Derby (GII), finishing just a neck behind **Noble Indy**.

"I felt a big improvement from the last two races," Graham said. "He kind of got real lost on me in the Louisiana Derby. In the stretch, when I moved him back near the other horse, he started kicking back in. He's not really a closer but he's not really a second-flight horse either. He's not difficult to ride by any means but the way he ran in the Louisiana Derby it got me excited."

MENDELSSOHN – UAE Derby (GII) winner **Mendelsohn** is expected to arrive in Louisville Monday at 5:30 p.m., according to Director of the Stable Area **Steve Hargrave**.

The colt is expected to stay in quarantine for 42 hours and could train Thursday morning.

MY BOY JACK – The Southwest (GIII) and Lexington (GIII) stakes winner merely walked the shedrow at Barn 25 on the Churchill Downs backstretch Sunday morning after putting in his final Kentucky Derby work assignment Saturday with a 1:03.20 move at the Louisville oval.

Assistant trainer **Julie Clark** was running the show for head man **Keith Desormeaux** and she reported that the late-kicking colt had done all the right things following his drill.

"He did them all – ate up, drank his water, slept well, walked fine; it's all good," she said.

The dark colt by the young stallion Creative Cause is owned by **Don't Tell My Wife Stables, Monomoy Stables** and **West Point Thoroughbreds** and will enter Derby 144 with the most starts – 10 – of any runner in the expected 20-horse lineup.

He'll be handled on Saturday by the trainer's brother, Hall of Fame rider **Kent Desormeaux**.

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SHAPING UP: THE KENTUCKY DERBY – Likely starters in the 144th running of the \$2 million, Grade I Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve to be run for 3-year-olds at 1 1/4 miles on Saturday, May 5: **Audible** (jockey Javier Castellano), **Bolt d'Oro** (Victor Espinoza), **Bravazo** (Luis Contreras), **Enticed** (Junior Alvarado), **Firenze Fire** (Paco Lopez), **Flameaway** (Jose Lezcano), **Free Drop Billy** (Robby Albarado), **Good Magic** (Jose Ortiz), **Hofburg** (Irad Ortiz Jr.), **Instilled Regard** (Drayden Van Dyke), **Justify** (Mike Smith), **Lone Sailor** (James Graham), **Magnum Moon** (Luis Saez), **Mendelssohn** (Ryan Moore), **My Boy Jack** (Kent Desormeaux), **Noble Indy** (Florent Geroux), **Promises Fulfilled** (Corey Lanerie), **Solomini** (Flavien Prat), **Vino Rosso** (John Velazquez).

Possible starters within the Top 20 on the preference list: **Combatant** (Ricardo Santana Jr.).

Next up in order of preference: **Blended Citizen** (Kyle Frey), **Dream Baby Dream** (TBA), **Restoring Hope** (TBA), **Sporting Chance** (TBA), **Givemeaminit** (TBA) and **Pony Up** (TBA).

KENTUCKY DERBY JOCKEYS

Horse	Jockey	Derby Record
Audible	Javier Castellano	11-0-0-0
Bolt d'Oro	Victor Espinoza	9-3-0-1
Bravazo	Luis Contreras	1-0-0-0
Combatant	Ricardo Santana Jr.	3-0-0-0
Enticed	Junior Alvarado	1-0-0-0
Firenze Fire	Paco Lopez	
Flameaway	Jose Lezcano	5-0-1-0
Free Drop Billy	Robby Albarado	14-0-1-2
Good Magic	Jose Ortiz	3-0-0-0
Hofburg	Irad Ortiz Jr.	2-0-0-0
Instilled Regard	Drayden Van Dyke	
Justify	Mike Smith	23-1-4-1
Lone Sailor	James Graham	
Magnum Moon	Luis Saez	5-0-0-0
Mendelssohn	Ryan Moore	1-0-0-0
My Boy Jack	Kent Desormeaux	21-3-1-4
Noble Indy	Florent Geroux	2-0-0-1
Promises Fulfilled	Corey Lanerie	3-0-1-0
Solomini	Flavien Prat	1-0-0-1
Vino Rosso	John Velazquez	19-2-1-0

BARN LIST – KENTUCKY DERBY

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Lone Sailor	Tom Amoss	29
Combatant	Steve Asmussen	38
Dream Baby Dream	Steve Asmussen	38
Good Magic	Chad Brown	42
My Boy Jack	Keith Desormeaux	25
Flameaway	Mark Casse	36
Bravazo	D. Wayne Lukas	44
Sporting Chance	D. Wayne Lukas	44
Hofburg	Bill Mott	19
Audible	Todd Pletcher	40
Magnum Moon	Todd Pletcher	40
Noble Indy	Todd Pletcher	40
Vino Rosso	Todd Pletcher	40
Free Drop Billy	Dale Romans	4
Promises Fulfilled	Dale Romans	4
Givemeaminit	Dallas Stewart	37

ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY LEADERBOARD PRESENTED BY WOODFORD RESERVE

#	Horse	Trainer	Points
1	Magnum Moon	Todd Pletcher	150
2	Good Magic	Chad Brown	110
3	Audible	Todd Pletcher	110
4	Noble Indy	Todd Pletcher	110
5	Vino Rosso	Todd Pletcher	107
6	Bolt d'Oro	Mick Ruis	104
7	Enticed	Kieran McLaughlin	103
8	Mendelssohn	Aidan O'Brien	100
9	Justify	Bob Baffert	100
10	\$-Flameaway	Mark Casse	70
11	Solomini	Bob Baffert	54
12	Bravazo	D. Wayne Lukas	54
13	My Boy Jack	Keith Desormeaux	52
14	Promises Fulfilled	Dale Romans	52
15	Free Drop Billy	Dale Romans	44
16	Lone Sailor	Tom Amoss	42
17	Hofburg	Bill Mott	40
18	Firenze Fire	Jason Servis	39
19	Combatant	Steve Asmussen	32
20	Instilled Regard	Jerry Hollendorfer	29
21	\$-Blended Citizen	Doug O'Neill	22
22	Dream Baby Dream	Steve Asmussen	20
23	Restoring Hope	Bob Baffert	20
24	Sporting Chance	D. Wayne Lukas	12
25	Givemeaminit	Dallas Stewart	12
26	Pony Up	Todd Pletcher	12

\$- Late Triple Crown Nominee

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KENTUCKY OAKS UPDATE

AMY'S CHALLENGE – **Novogratz Racing Stables'** **Amy's Challenge** spent Sunday morning walking the shedrow and grazing outside Barn 43, one day after making the nearly nine-hour trip from Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Trainer **Mac Robertson** was due to arrive in Louisville Sunday afternoon.

Robertson had said late last week that a decision to run in the Oaks or the seven-furlong Eight Belles (GII) on the same day wouldn't be made until entry time Monday.

BLAMED – **Cleber Massey's Blamed** is no longer in contention for the Kentucky Oaks. Trainer **Joel Marr** reported over the phone Sunday morning that the filly sustained a small hairline fracture in her right hind pastern during her workout Saturday.

"It just showed up this morning," Marr said. "She's walking fine, but at a jog she's off. It's going to require probably 60-90 days (of time off). They say it's recoverable 100 percent. I'm glad it happened now and not in the race. We'll probably take her to **Rood & Riddle (Equine Hospital)** to have them look at it, and then possibly to **WinStar (Farm)** to rehab."

CHOCOLATE MARTINI – **Double Doors Racing's** Fair Grounds Oaks (GII) winner **Chocolate Martini** jogged one mile early Sunday morning at Churchill Downs with exercise rider **Chico Gonzales** up.

Trainer **Tom Amoss** has yet to confirm a jockey.

CLASSY ACT/PATRONA MARGARITA – Trainer **Bret Calhoun's** duo of **Classy Act** and **Patrona Margarita** jogged one mile Sunday morning at Churchill Downs.

"Expect both fillies to train in the first two sets each day," assistant trainer **Tom Morgan** said.

Brian Hernandez Jr. has the call on **Classy Act** and **Ricardo Santana Jr.** will pilot **Patrona Margarita**.

COACH ROCKS – **Roddy Valente, RAP Racing and West Point Thoroughbreds' Coach Rocks** jogged one mile Sunday morning at 7:30 with **Tammy Fox** on board for trainer **Dale Romans**.

"If she can run like she's been working, I think she has a really good shot to win," Romans said.

ESKIMO KISSES – **Magdalena Racing, Gainesway Stable and Harold Lerner's** Ashland (GI) runner-up **Eskimo Kisses** walked the shedrow Sunday morning following her five-furlong breeze in 1:01.20 Saturday.

EXUBERANCE – The scramble was on at the **Ian Kruljac** barn Sunday morning at Santa Anita Park in Los Angeles.

The young trainer had just found out that his filly, **Exuberance**, had been given a green light to run in the Kentucky Oaks. Ah, but now there were issues to be resolved – the biggest of which was finding transportation.

"No, we don't have a spot on a plane yet," Kruljac said. "I'm going to call my owner (**Seltzer Thoroughbreds**) and we've got to see what we can do."

Additionally, there was the matter of a rider. "Nothing there yet," Kruljac said. "First we've got to get that plane. We hope we can work it out."

Exuberance, a daughter of **Archarcharch**, has only a maiden victory to her credit, but has been on the board in three stakes races since.

Sunday at Churchill Downs there were two withdrawals from the \$1-million guaranteed Oaks – **Blamed** and **Red Ruby** – thus opening the door for the \$100,000 yearling **Exuberance** to tip toe in. She now is an airplane ride away from the biggest race of her young career

HEAVENHASMNIKKI – **Looch Racing Stables' Heavenhasmnikki**, now No. 15 on the Oaks leaderboard with the withdrawal of **Blamed** and **Red Ruby** from race consideration, walked the shedrow at trainer **Anthony Quartarolo's** barn.

MIDNIGHT BISOU – All was good out California way Sunday morning for the Kentucky Oaks contender **Midnight Bisou** following her six-furlong drill Saturday at her headquarters at Santa Anita Park. She was only a walker following her extended exercise the day before.

Trainer **Bill Spawr** indicated things were A-OK with his triple stakes winning daughter of champion **Midnight Lute** who is owned by the partnership of **Allen Racing** and **Bloom Racing Stable**.

Both horse and trainer will ride in airplanes headed to Louisville Monday. The filly, who has banked \$450,000 thus far, is likely to be among the favorites for the \$1 million, Grade I Kentucky Oaks Friday.

MONOMOY GIRL/SASSY SIENNA/KELLY'S HUMOR – Trainer **Brad Cox's** three Kentucky Oaks hopefuls all walked the shedrow Sunday morning, one day after completing their final works. **Michael Dubb** and **Monomoy Stables' Monomoy Girl**, the likely Oaks favorite, worked five furlongs in 1:01.60, **Medallion Racing and Jerry McClanahan's** Fantasy Stakes (GIII) winner **Sassy Sienna** breezed a half mile in :49.20 and **Ike and Dawn Thrash's Kelly's Humor**, who needs several defections to make the field, breezed five furlongs in 1:02.20.

"They're all doing well," Cox said. "They've come out of the works good. I was happy with how they did yesterday. The track maybe wasn't as tight as it's been the last few days, but they all galloped out really good and that's what we like to see. Even **Kelly's Humor** galloped out good. She'll run if she can get in, but, otherwise, she'll run in the (GIII) Eight Belles (on Friday)."

Cox said all three fillies will return to the track Monday to jog.

MY MISS LILLY – **Courtlandt Farms' My Miss Lilly** galloped 1 1/8 miles during the 7:30-7:45 special training period for Derby and Oaks horses, under exercise rider **Emerson Chavez**. Trainer **Mark Hennig** and his wife **Rosemary** generally work as a team, but **Rosemary** has been overseeing the filly's training while **Mark** is in New York. He will return to Churchill Downs tomorrow morning.

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"She went a mile-and-an-eighth, maybe a little more – probably more like a mile-and-a-quarter by the time she pulled up," Rosemary said. "She was a little mad that she didn't go longer. Emerson said he's got to go to sleep early tonight because she's getting stronger."

RAYYA – Sheikh Rashid Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi's UAE Derby (GII) runner-up Rayya was given an easy morning at Santa Anita Park the day after a five-furlong workout in 1:01.80, coming from behind workmate **Downtowner**.

"We weren't looking for anything really stiff," trainer **Bob Baffert** said. "We worked her with company just to get a feel for her. She did it nice and I was happy."

The Kentucky-bred Tiz Wonderful filly won the UAE Oaks impressively (GIII) on March 1, controlling the pace and simply outrunning her rivals to score by about four lengths for trainer **Doug Watson**. Coming back against males in the UAE Derby (GII) on March 31, she again went to the lead and, despite being no match for 18-length winner Mendelssohn, stayed on gamely to finish second by three lengths ahead of the **Steve Asmussen**-trained multiple stakes winner **Reride**.

Rayya was tranferred to Baffert after the UAE Derby and has impressed the trainer in the few weeks since arriving in Southern California.

"She has a lot of speed and a beautiful way of going," Baffert said. "She's classy and she jumps a long way but she has natural speed so you can't take too much of a hold of her."

Drayden Van Dyke, who was aboard for the work Saturday, will ride in the Oaks. Rayya will ship to Churchill Downs on Monday with the rest of Baffert's major Derby weekend stakes contenders.

RED RUBY – Sandra Sexton and Brandi Nicholson's Red Ruby, No. 15 on the Oaks leaderboard, will not be entered Monday for Friday's \$1 million race.

"The owners and I talked yesterday evening and we have decided not to go in the Oaks and instead target some of the races a little later in the year," trainer **Kellyn Gorder** said. "We just feel we have missed a bit too much training to expect Red Ruby to be 100 percent while facing the best fillies in the country. There's a lot of racing on down the road."

TAKE CHARGE PAULA – Peter Deutsch's Take Charge Paula galloped at Palm Meadows Training Center Sunday morning and scheduled to leave this afternoon to ship to Churchill Downs.

Trainer **Kiaran McLaughlin** is scheduled to arrive in Louisville Monday night. **Jose Ortiz** has the Oaks mount.

WONDER GADOT – Trainer Mark Casse on Saturday referred to Wonder Gadot's Wonder Woman movie namesake when discussing the filly's energy level: "She's a little excited, sometimes she decides to do a little wonder flight through the air," he said.

That exuberance carried into her training Sunday, when she jogged one lap around the track during the 7:30-7:45 training period for Derby and Oaks horses. Gary Barber's Demoiselle

(GII) winner was ponied by Casse assistant **Nick Tomlinson** and ridden by **Hugo Garcia**.

"She's feeling full of energy," Casse said about the filly's outing.

SHAPING UP: THE KENTUCKY OAKS – Likely starters in the 144th running of the \$1 million, Grade I Longines Kentucky Oaks to be run for 3-year-old fillies at 1 1/8 miles on Friday, May 4: **Chocolate Martini** (jockey TBA), **Classy Act** (Brian Hernandez Jr.), **Coach Rocks** (Luis Saez), **Eskimo Kisses** (Corey Lanerie), **Midnight Bisou** (Mike Smith), **Monomoy Girl** (Florent Geroux), **My Miss Lilly** (Joe Bravo), **Patrona Margarita** (Ricardo Santana Jr.), **Rayya** (Drayden Van Dyke), **Sassy Sienna** (Gary Stevens), **Take Charge Paula** (Jose Ortiz), **Wonder Gadot** (John Velazquez).

Possible Starters within the Top 14 on the preference list: **Amy's Challenge** (TBA), **Exuberance** (TBA),

Next up in order of preference: **Heavenhasmynikki** (TBA), **Kelly's Humor** (TBA).

ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY OAKS LEADERBOARD

#	Horse	Trainer	Points
1	Midnight Bisou	Bill Spawr	160
2	Monomoy Girl	Brad Cox	154
3	Sassy Sienna	Brad Cox	115
4	My Miss Lilly	Mark Hennig	112
5	Chocolate Martini	Tom Amoss	100
6	Coach Rocks	Dale Romans	100
7	Rayya	Bob Baffert	90
8	Wonder Gadot	Mark Casse	84
9	Eskimo Kisses	Kenny McPeck	80
10	Take Charge Paula	Kiaran McLaughlin	70
11	Amy's Challenge	Mac Robertson	40
12	Patrona Margarita	Bret Calhoun	35
13	Classy Act	Bret Calhoun	30
14	Exuberance	Ian Kruljac	15
15	Heavenhasmynikki	Anthony Quatarolo	11
16	\$-Kelly's Humor	Brad Cox	8

\$- Late Kentucky Oaks Nominee

BARN LIST – KENTUCKY OAKS

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Chocolate Martini	Tom Amoss	29
Classy Act	Bret Calhoun	23
Patrona Margarita	Bret Calhoun	23
Wonder Gadot	Mark Casse	36
Kelly's Humor	Brad Cox	22
Monomoy Girl	Brad Cox	22
Sassy Sienna	Brad Cox	22
My Miss Lilly	Mark Hennig	37
Heavenhasmynikki	Anthony Quatarolo	24
Amy's Challenge	Mac Robertson	43
Coach Rocks	Dale Romans	4

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ARRIVAL/FLIGHT SCHEDULES

Sunday, April 29 – New York

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Firenze Fire	Jason Servis	TBA

Monday, April 30 – California

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Bolt d'Oro	Mick Ruis	43
Instilled Regard	Jerry Hollendorfer	41
Justify	Bob Baffert	33
Midnight Bisou	Bill Spawr	38
Rayya	Bob Baffert	33
Restoring Hope	Bob Baffert	33
Solomini	Bob Baffert	33

Monday, April 30 – Ireland

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Mendelssohn	Aidan O'Brien	17

Monday, April 30 – Florida

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Enticed	Kiaran McLaughlin	41
Take Charge Paula	Kiaran McLaughlin	41

PROSPECTIVE FIELDS FOR UPCOMING STAKES

\$400,000 ALYSHEBA (GII) (Entries taken Monday, race Friday) – Probable: Always Dreaming, Backyard Heaven, Goats Town, Hence

\$350,000 LA TROIENNE PRESENTED BY TWINSPIRES.COM (GI) (Entries taken Monday, race Friday) – Probable: Abel Tasman, Martini Glass, Streamline. Possible: Ivy Bell, Salty

\$200,000 EDGEWOOD PRESENTED BY FORCHT BANK (GIII) (Entries taken Monday, race Friday) – Probable: Altea (FR), Beyond Blame, Bo Peep, Daddy Is a Legend, Heavenly Love, Kabella, Toinette

\$200,000 EIGHT BELLES PRESENTED BY KENTUCKY TRAILER (GII) (Entries taken Monday, race Friday) – Probable: Gas Station Sushi, Hold Her Tight, Kram, Mia Mischief, Salt Bae, Shamrock Rose, Talk Veuve to Me

\$200,000 TWIN SPIRES TURF SPRINT (GIII) (Entries taken Monday, race Friday) – Probable: Buccheri, Chief Cicatriz, Flashaway, Frisky Magician, Imprimis, Kid Perfect, Latent Revenge, Restless Rambler, Riser, Vision Perfect

\$500,000 OLD FORESTER TURF CLASSIC (GI) (Entries taken Tuesday, race Saturday) – Probable: Arklow, Beach Patrol, Channel Maker, Deauville (IRE), Kurilov (CHI), Shining Copper, Sir Dudley Digges, Synchrony, War Decree

\$500,000 CHURCHILL DOWNS PRESENTED BY TWINSPIRES.COM (GII) (Entries taken Tuesday, race Saturday) – Probable: Imperial Hint, Limousine Liberal, McCracken, Outplay, Petrov, Unbridled Outlaw, Warrior's Club

\$300,000 AMERICAN TURF PRESENTED BY RAM TRUCKS (GII) (Entries taken Tuesday, race Saturday) – Probable: Admiralty Pier, Arawak, Channel Cat, Dragon Drew, Maraud, Ride a Comet, River Boyne (IRE), Threeandfourpence, Tigers Rule, Tiz Mischief, Untamed Domain

\$300,000 HUMANA DISTAFF (GI) (Entries taken Tuesday, race Saturday) – Probable: American Gal, Finley's luckycharm, Jordan's Henny, Lewis Bay, Miner's Cat, Skye Diamonds. Possible: Ivy Bell

\$300,000 LONGINES DISTAFF TURF MILE (GII) (Entries taken Tuesday, race Saturday, May 5) – Probable: Juno (BRZ), La Coronel, Madam Dancealot (IRE), Madame Stripes (ARG), On Leave, Psycho Sister, Res Ipsa, Union Strike

\$300,000 PAT DAY MILE PRESENTED BY LG&E AND KU (GIII) (Entries taken Tuesday, race Saturday) – Probable: Believe in Royalty, Givemeaminut, Greyvitos, Lombo, Madison's Luna, Mask, Mississippi, National Flag, New York Central, Seahenge, Shane Zain, Smart Remark, Title Ready

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